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### **Laurel Man Arrested for Dealing Child Pornography** *Investigation initiated by Maryland Task Force leads to Delaware arrest*

**Georgetown** – Following a two-state investigation into the distribution of child pornography, the Delaware Child Predator Task Force has arrested a Laurel resident on 25 counts of dealing in child pornography, Attorney General Beau Biden announced today.

“The threat predators pose doesn’t stop at the state line. That’s why we work together with our local, state, and federal partners to keep kids safe in Delaware and across the nation,” Attorney General Biden said.

On Thursday, January 5, members of the Delaware Child Predator Task Force along with Delaware State Police Troopers and a federal Homeland Security agent executed two search warrants following an investigation into the distribution of child pornography. The warrants were obtained based on a referral from the Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force which, through an undercover online investigation, tracked the transmission of images of child pornography from a residence and place of business in Delaware. One warrant was executed at the residence of William W. Barrall, age 50, at 7026 Shell Bridge Road in Laurel, where two computers and other digital media were seized. An additional warrant was executed at Barrall’s place of employment, Mountaire Farms in Millsboro, whose management was cooperative in the investigation. A computer and other digital evidence were seized from this location.

Preliminary forensic analysis of the computers revealed numerous files containing child pornography. Barrell, who was traveling outside Delaware when the search warrants were executed, turned himself into Delaware authorities and was arrested on 25 counts of dealing in child pornography on Friday, January 6. After arraignment at JP Court #2 he was committed to Sussex Correctional Institution in lieu of \$250,000 bail. Detectives have learned Barrall is no longer employed at Mountaire Farms.

A mug shot of Barrall is attached.

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